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Regulations for Open Burning **January 15 through May 1**

The Following Regulations Must Be Followed:

- A permit for all open burning is REQUIRED from the Fire Department.
- The Fire Department will determine daily if burning will be allowed.
- Permit holders will be notified by 0830 on days when burning is NOT allowed
- No fire may be started after noon.
- Burning is only allowed between 10 am and 4 pm.
- All fires must be extinguished by 4 p.m.
- Burning must be at least 75 feet from all buildings.
- The use of accelerants is strictly prohibited.
- Fire Control Tools and Water Supply Must Be Present
- The fire must never be left unattended.
- Burning must be conducted without causing hardship or nuisance to others.
- Under the law, you are allowed to burn debris from the following: Brush, cane, driftwood, and forestry debris from operations other than commercial or industrial land clearing operations.
- Materials not allowed to be burned by law: Debris from commercial and/or industrial land clearing operations, grass, hay, leaves and stumps, tires, construction material and debris, or other household items or furniture.
- The issuing of a permit does not release the holder from liability for damage caused by their fire.

People conducting illegal burning, or who allow a fire to get out of control, may be held liable for the costs of extinguishing a fire, fined, and even imprisoned (MGL c.48 s.13).